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JOURNEY TO THE FALLS RESERVATIONS – SPRING 2012

TO RESERVE A JOURNEY TO THE FALLS TRIP:

1) Contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414, for a trip/date reservation.

Reservations are *first-come, first-served*, in accordance with limits (i.e. 65 student maximum/trip; 130 max./school) and guidelines outlined in this flyer.

2) Then send or fax this form to National Park Service at address below. We must receive a complete form to reserve your trip, and teachers involved must attend a Journey to the Falls workshop.

Trip Date (as provided by Brian Goodspeed) _____ Grade(s) (circle): 4 5 6

Trip arrival time (circle): 9:30 (at Boom Island, Minneapolis) 10:00 (at Stone Arch Bridge West, Minneapolis)

School _____ Number of students (limits: 65/trip, 130/school) _____

Contact Person _____ Contact email _____

School address _____ City, state, zip code _____

School phone # _____ School fax # _____

Teachers from my school who will attend the March 10 workshop (attendance required for field trip participation unless attended previously since 2008):

I am requesting a scholarship (see eligibility requirements): YES NO

Fax or send this form (or a copy) to:

Journey to the Falls Reservations
Mississippi National River & Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Suite 105
St. Paul, MN 55101-1256
Fax: 651-290-3815

For further information: Call Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 or go to <http://www.nps.gov/miss/forteachers/>

Journey to the Falls—Spring 2012

Educational field trips on the Mississippi River!



What is Journey to the Falls?

Journey to the Falls (JTF) connects 4th-6th grade students with the heritage of Saint Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River through **history and literacy activities**. JTF integrates river and classroom experiences. A riverboat excursion includes hands-on learning stations, journaling and sketching.

Teachers who sign up for Journey to the Falls incorporate river-themed activities into their classroom. Pre- and post-trip activities are selected by each teacher from among many activity options presented in the JTF teacher workshop. JTF is aligned with Minnesota Academic Standards.

Field trip description

Journey to the Falls field trips feature staffed learning stations and activities:

- River Explorers
- Journaling
- Mapping (River History Detectives)
- Mill Ruins Archaeology *
- Falls History Hike *

* land-based experiences

Each trip is designed for approximately 65 students (or two classrooms), grades 4-6.

NOTE: no locking planned in 2012!

In order to minimize the potential for passage of invasive Asian carps into the Upper Mississippi River above the falls, we do not expect to utilize the Saint Anthony Falls locks in 2012. Further information about modifications to JTF activities will be provided at the JTF teacher workshop.

Field trip location

Journey to the Falls takes place on and along the **Mississippi River in Minneapolis**. The riverboat portion of the trip (on the Minneapolis Queen) begins and ends at **Boom Island Park**, one mile upstream from St. Anthony Falls near the Plymouth Ave Bridge. The land based portion of the trip begins and ends near the west end of the **Stone Arch Bridge**, downtown Minneapolis. Students must be bused between the two locations using your school's buses.

Field trip dates

May 22-25 & May 29- June 1, 2012

Field trip times (subject to change)

Trip 1- Students arrive at 9:30 at Boom Island Park for a 1¾ hour riverboat trip followed by a brown bag lunch. Students board field trip buses at 12:15 for transport to the Stone Arch Bridge and the 45 minute land portion of the field trip. Field trip ends at 1:15.

OR

Trip 2- Students arrive at 10:00 at the west end of the **Stone Arch Bridge** for a 45 minute land based activity. Your buses take students to Boom Island Park for a brown bag lunch. Students board boat at 11:55 and depart at noon on a 1¾ hour boat trip. Trip ends at 1:45.

Participation requirements

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls **Teacher Workshop**, preparation of students through classroom activities, and evaluation, are **required of all teachers**. See workshop details at right.

Field trip fee

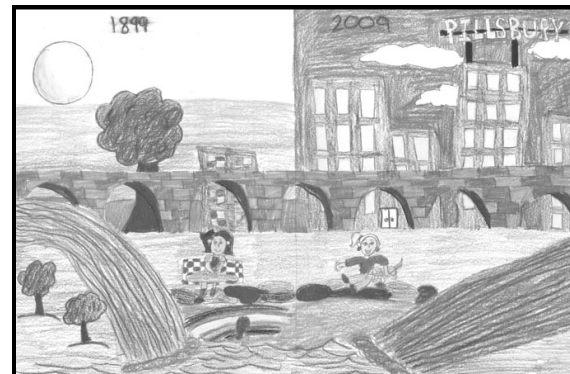
Cost is **\$9** per student. Field trip payments are handled by the **Minneapolis Queen Riverboat (MQR)** which will contact you for billing if your school is scheduled for a trip. MQR provides 1 comp fare per 15 students.

Scholarships

Scholarships to reduce field trip cost (provided by the Mississippi River Fund) are available for qualifying schools. Schools with at least 50% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program and/or at least 50% students of color qualify. The field trip fee for approved scholarship schools will be **\$4/student**. Scholarship eligibility (and qualifying %) must be verified in writing by your principal; written confirmation will be sent. Schools arrange and pay for their own buses. To request a scholarship **contact Brian Goodspeed** at 651-293-8414.

Trip reservations

Fax or send your completed reservation request form to Brian Goodspeed at the return address shown on this flyer.



Teacher Workshop

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls Teacher Workshop is **required of all teachers** participating in the field trips, unless attended previously since 2008.

Workshop location: Mill City Museum
ADM Conf. Rm., 6th floor
710 S. Second Street, Minneapolis

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2012, 8:30-12:30

Registration: Confirm your attendance for the workshop at the same time you select your trip date. If you have questions, you may contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 for assistance.

Cost: A donation of \$20/teacher or \$30/school is requested to help defray expenses. Make check payable to "Mississippi National River & Recreation Area" and write "workshop donation" on memo line.

Workshop content:

At the Journey to the Falls workshop teachers will:

- Learn to conduct classroom activities that help prepare students for the field trip while supporting academic standards
- Learn about follow-up activities such as writing and art to extend and reinforce the field trip learning experience
- Get oriented to Journey to the Falls field trip logistics
- Receive Teacher's Guide of thematic Mississippi River activities and resource materials
- Get introduced to other river-related learning opportunities
- Receive Continuing Education certificate

Further information

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